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1 AN ACT Relating to integrated pest management; and adding a new
2 chapter to Title 17 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares that it is the
5 policy of the state of Washington to require all state agencies that
6 have pest control responsibilities to follow the principles of
7 integrated pest management.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply
9 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

10 (1) "Integrated pest management" means a coordinated decision-
11 making and action process that uses the most appropriate pest control
12 methods and strategy in an environmentally and economically sound
13 manner to meet agency pest management objectives. The elements of
14 integrated pest management include:

- 15 (a) Preventing pest problems;
16 (b) Monitoring for the presence of pests and pest damage;
17 (c) Establishing the density of the pest population, that may be
18 set at zero, that can be tolerated or correlated with a damage level

1 sufficient to warrant treatment of the problem based on health, public
2 safety, economic, or aesthetic thresholds;

3 (d) Treating pest problems to reduce populations below those levels
4 established by damage thresholds using strategies that may include
5 biological, cultural, mechanical, and chemical control methods and that
6 must consider human health, ecological impact, feasibility, and cost-
7 effectiveness; and

8 (e) Evaluating the effects and efficacy of pest treatments.

9 (2) "Pest" means a vertebrate or invertebrate animal, pathogen,
10 parasitic plant, weed, or similar or allied organism that can cause
11 disease or damage to crops, trees, shrubs, grasses, or other plants,
12 humans, animals, or property.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** By one year after the effective date of this
14 section, each of the following state agencies or institutions shall
15 implement integrated pest management practices when carrying out the
16 agency's or service's duties related to pest control:

17 (1) The department of agriculture;

18 (2) The department of fish and wildlife;

19 (3) The department of transportation;

20 (4) The parks and recreation commission;

21 (5) The department of natural resources;

22 (6) The department of corrections;

23 (7) The department of general administration; and

24 (8) Each state institution of higher education, for the
25 institution's own building and grounds maintenance.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) A state agency or institution listed in
27 section 3 of this act shall provide integrated pest management training
28 for employees responsible for pest management. The training programs
29 shall be developed in cooperation with the interagency integrated pest
30 management coordinating committee created under section 5 of this act.

31 (2) A state agency or institution listed in section 3 of this act
32 shall designate an integrated pest management coordinator. The
33 integrated pest management coordinator shall:

34 (a) Manage the integrated pest management program of the agency or
35 institution; and

1 (b) Report at least annually to the interagency integrated pest
2 management coordinating committee about the implementation of the
3 agency or institution program. The report must:

4 (i) Identify current pest management practices;

5 (ii) Evaluate the effectiveness of current programs, including
6 integrated pest management programs; and

7 (iii) Identify areas where integrated pest management is scheduled
8 to be implemented during the ensuing year.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The interagency integrated pest
10 management coordinating committee is created. The committee shall
11 include the integrated pest management coordinator from each agency or
12 institution listed under section 3 of this act. The coordinator from
13 the department of agriculture shall serve as chair of the committee.

14 (2) The interagency integrated pest management coordinating
15 committee shall advise the state agencies and institutions and review
16 and facilitate interagency coordination for each state agency's or
17 institution's integrated pest management program.

18 (3) The interagency integrated pest management coordinating
19 committee shall meet four times a year. All meetings of the committee
20 must be open to the public. The committee shall give public notice of
21 each meeting.

22 (4) By September 30th of each even-numbered year, the interagency
23 integrated pest management coordinating committee shall report on the
24 integrated pest management programs to the president of the senate, the
25 speaker of the house of representatives, and the appropriate
26 legislative committees.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall
28 constitute a new chapter in Title 17 RCW.

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